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**Sent:** Monday, December 09, 2013 2:21 PM  
**To:** Tom.Wheeler@fcc.gov.  
**Subject:** FW: NSA Requests Immediate Action by Sheriffs re FCC and Jails

Please read the NSA e-mail. We would make the same request.

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**From:** Kochanowski Glen  
**Sent:** Monday, December 09, 2013 12:57 PM  
**To:** Shea Brian; Graham Lisa  
**Subject:** FW: NSA Requests Immediate Action by Sheriffs re FCC and Jails

Can you guys handle this today?

**From:** NSA Mail [mailto:nsamail@sheriffs.org]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 09, 2013 12:52 PM  
**To:** Kochanowski Glen  
**Subject:** NSA Requests Immediate Action by Sheriffs re FCC and Jails

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## National Sheriffs' Association

December 9, 2013

### NSA Requests Immediate Action by Sheriffs re FCC and Jails

In regard to the FCC Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on Rates for Interstate Inmate Calling Services (WC Docket No. 12-375), NSA urgently requests that:

1. You contact your House representative ASAP and ask that he/she contact FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler at 202-418-1000 absolutely no later than Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, to request that the ICS Order, referenced above and scheduled to go into effect February 11, 2014, be **STAYED** as it applies to Sheriffs and jails;
2. You e-mail Chairman Wheeler today or absolutely no later than

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Tuesday, December 10th, with this same message at

The FCC Order mandates a "one-size-fits-all" approach to regulating inmate calling services for both prisons and jails. The Order fails to take into account the unique challenges inherent in providing calling services to the majority of the nation's jails that are small in size and have high turnover of inmate populations weekly. Inmate calling systems are built to the unique needs of each jail and provide a variety of important safety and security components. The Order disregards this reality and creates a regulatory environment that jeopardizes these services. Many jails may be forced to severely limit or eliminate inmate calling privileges.

The FCC has recognized in its Order that jails incur real costs to administer inmate calling services; however, the rates set by the FCC eliminate commissions to jails on inter-state calls and do not include any allowance for cost recovery for jails. A STAY must be granted for jails until such time as the FCC and Sheriffs can determine a proper method for jails to recover these costs. Because Sheriff's Office budgets are already set for 2014, many Sheriffs will not have the financial resources necessary to continue to administer inmate calling services and perform the vital security functions required to protect the public.

Should you have any questions regarding this urgent request by NSA, please contact me or Tim Woods at 703-838-5317, [twoods@sheriffs.org](mailto:twoods@sheriffs.org).

Sincerely,



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